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New York Mills woman pleads guilty to stealing from credit union

Today in federal court in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a 41-year-old woman from the small central Minnesota town of New York Mills pleaded guilty to embezzling \$65,000 from the credit union where she worked. Appearing before United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis in Minneapolis, Jodi Lynn Wiirre pleaded guilty to one count of theft of credit union funds. She was charged on January 21, 2010.

In her plea agreement, Wiirre, who was employed as a teller at the Heart of the Lakes Credit Union in New York Mills, admitted stealing the money from the accounts of six depositors between February 2008 and May 2009. She obtained the funds by making fraudulent and unauthorized withdrawals from the accounts. She then used the money to pay personal expenses.

For her crime, Wiirre faces a potential maximum penalty of 30 years in prison. Judge Davis will determine her sentence at a future date.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Ottertail County Sheriff's Office and the New York Mills Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. MacLaughlin.